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A Look At Appomattox County In 1972

Shows Evidence Of County Growth

Appomattox County marked its 127th year in 1972 and county always keeping in mind its agricultural heritage but at the same time looking to a brighter future.

The highlight of the year came with the announcement that the AMERICAN RETURN TIRE INDUSTRIES, a major manufacturing headquarters in Thomasville, North Carolina, would build a major manufacturing facility in Appomattox in the Spring of 1973. It was announced that they had taken an option on 200 acres of land on the U. S. Route 460, adjacent to the western limits of the Town of Appomattox and that the agreement was set at 250 persons, and, after a year or two of production, the employment would reach 600 to 700. This announcement came in July of 1972.

In August of 1972, the Virginia Electric and Power Company was requested by Thomasville Furniture Industries, Incorporated, to hold a public hearing in the Court House in Appomattox, Virginia, on September 13, 1972. Mr. Smith, having been appointed as Superintendent of Appomattox County Schools, effective July 1, 1972, died suddenly in Grand Rapids, Michigan, while on a business trip for the wood products firm.

The year in Appomattox County marked several changes in the personnel in the school system. Frank Graham, Principal at Appomattox County High School, was appointed Assistant Superintendent of Schools for Appomattox County Schools. Mrs. Jean Hesson was appointed Assistant Principal at Appomattox County High School. Mrs. Hesson has been employed in the school system for a number of years and has served in the position of Administrative Assistant. Mrs. Jean Hesson succeeds Mrs. Thelma Johnson Vinor and W. Thomas Johnson was appointed Principal at Appomattox Elementary School.

Appomattox County High School has had a successful year in sports scene last year too.

The Raiders Varsity Basketball team had a successful season with a 14-4 overall record. They won the district title and the Semisole District and advanced to the Regional III. AA tournament and went on to the Finals but lost out in the championship round.

The Raiderettes were 11-3 in the district and won the district Tourney but lost out in the championship game by the narrowest of scores, 43-42.

Coach Jim Daniel was awarded a honorary membership in the Virginia High School and the University of Virginia Coaches Association. Daniel has been appointed to the Executive Committee of the Virginia High School Coaches Association. Daniel has been coaching basketball for 25 years and has compiled a record of 350 wins and 150 losses. Daniel has placed six players on All-District teams and has coached two players on the All-District second team.

The Spring of 1972 Harry G. Lawson, Commonwealth Attorney, announced that he had accepted a position on the legal

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the board voted to lower the tax rate from $1.10 to $1.00 per $100 value and repeal appropriation and resolution for the old tax rate.

At the May meeting of the Appomattox County School Board naming J. E. Jamerson & Sons as the general contractor for the new school and set May 15, 1972 as the starting date with construction to be completed by the middle of July of 1974. J. E. Jamerson & Sons of Appomattox had submitted the low bid of $1,154,474. A bond issue for the new Appomattox County High School in the amount of $1,154,474, A. L. Bass bid of $1,154,474, A. L. Bass bid of $1,154,474, A. L. Bass bid